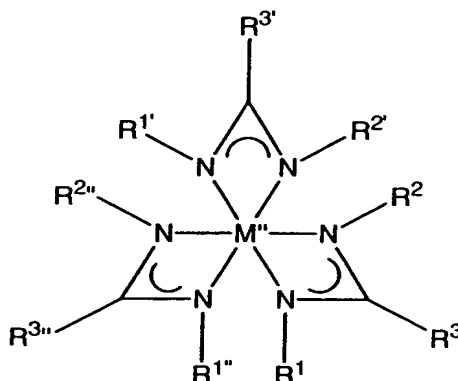


Claim 18 is amended as shown. Page 42 containing claim 18 of the application has been replaced by new page 42 containing new claim 18, which is now in the application. Substitute sheet 42 accompanies this Amendment.

Amendment of the Claims:

18. A composition of matter that is a volatile metal(III) tris(amidinate) represented by the general formula



wherein the metal M is selected from lanthanum, praseodymium and the other lanthanide metals, yttrium, scandium, titanium, vanadium, chromium, iron, ruthenium, cobalt, rhodium, iridium, ~~aluminum, gallium, indium,~~ and bismuth, and wherein the R^n represent hydrogen, alkyl groups, fluoroalkyl groups or other non-metal atoms or groups, R^n being any one of the groups R^1 through $R^{3''}$, and where R^n are the same or different.

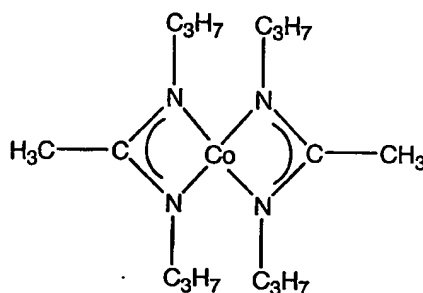
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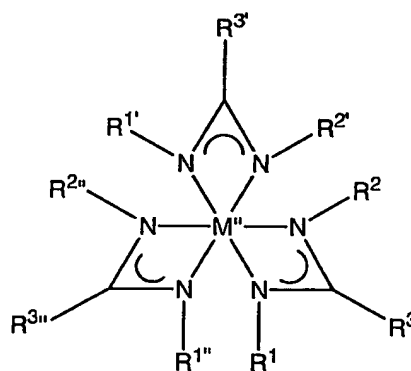
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Replaced by
Art. 19